Delhi Metro affected by low power

2275. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that low power frequency has severely affected the Delhi Metro trips; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to correct the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) According to Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd., the low power frequency below 48.5 Hz. affected some trips of Delhi Metro Rail as the train traction system had been got designed to cater to 3% variation in frequency i.e. 51.5 Hz. To 48.5 Hz. To over come this, train traction control system software has been got modified to work upto 48.0 Hz. With this, the dipping of frequency upto 48.0 Hz. will now not affect the train traction system.

Private sector to generate their own electricity

2276. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private industrialists have to pay some cess to Government for generating power;

(b) why does not the Government encourage private sector to generate their own power by providing them some incentives;

(c) whether it is also a fact that private sector industries are not allowed to sell to their excess power to neighbours; and

(d) if so, whether Government look into these and make things easier for the private sector to generate their own electricity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Some States have imposed tax on the consumption/sale of electricity in the form of electricity duty/cess/ tax.

(b) to (d) Even though Electricity is a concurrent subject, supply and